



Military retiree event approaching

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The APG Garrison, the APG Retiree Counsel and supporting elements are poised to welcome area military retirees and their spouses or survivors to the annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day event set for 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 19 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

Activities include blood pressure checks, seasonal flu shots, panel discussions with post service providers and a \$2 lunch at the First Sergeant's Grill. The 9 a.m. opening ceremony features remarks from APG leaders and guest speaker Maryland State Senator Nancy Jacobs.

In his fifth year as Chair of the APG Retiree Council, retired Lt. Col. Nelson Laughton, said a lot of planning goes into this annual day for retirees and survivors.

"This is a day to learn more about your benefits, programs of interest, post activities, and talk to representatives from the PX [Exchange], the Commissary and JAG as well as people from local and state agencies. You get to ask questions and offer your thoughts. It's all about retirees and issues and programs concerning retirees, so take advantage of it."

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Staff Sgt. Steve Huffman, an Explosive Ordnance Disposable (EOD) technician from the 20th CBRNE Command, conducts an improvised explosive device demonstration during a Capabilities Exercise (CAPEX) at APG South (Edgewood) Oct. 3.

20th CBRNE Command hosts capabilities exercise

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Senior military officers from the Czech Republic, Germany and the Pentagon joined Maj. Gen. Dean G. Sienko, the commander of the U.S. Army Public Health Command, in attending a Capabilities Exercise (CAPEX) hosted by the 20th CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) Command Oct. 3 at its APG

South (Edgewood) headquarters. The CAPEX allowed the 20th CBRNE Command to display its unique capabilities as the Army's only globally responsible force capable of leading and executing CBRNE related operations and activities - anytime, anywhere.

During the event the 20th CBRNE Commander Brig. Gen. J.B. Burton briefed visitors on the organization's capabilities and current operational tempo before presenting live-action demon-

strations from a CBRNE Coordination Element (CCE), a CBRNE Task Force Tactical Command Post, a Nuclear Disablement Team (NDT), an Explosive Ordnance Disposable (EOD) Team, CBRNE Response Team (CRT), and the CBRNE Analytical and Remediation Activity (CARA) Response Teams and Lab.

Burton said his goal is to host quarterly CAPEX events and further enrich the

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MDNG detachment heads to Kuwait

Story and photo by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
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Members of the Maryland National Guard's Detachment 2, Company B, 642nd Aviation Support Battalion bid farewell to fellow Soldiers, Family members and friends before departing on a nine-month tour to Kuwait during a Deployment Ceremony at the Maj. Gen. Warren D. Hodges Armory at APG South (Edgewood) Oct. 4.

The detachment of aviation maintenance specialists will support U.S. military missions in the Southwest Asia nation. Its Soldiers will join hundreds of New York and New Jersey guard members who will train in Fort Hood, Texas, before deploying. The Soldiers will be gone about one year.

The ceremony's guests included Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, Maryland Adjutant General and Maj. Aaron Harding, executive officer of the 29th Combat Aviation Battalion as well as APG Garrison

Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin.

The detachment of 21 Soldiers is led by Detachment Commander 1st Lt. Brian Fisher.

Several Soldiers and Family members said they will count on the unit's Family Readiness Group to keep them informed.

Electronics mechanic, Sgt. Brandon Matthews said he was reluctant to leave his wife, Roxxy, and sons, Braydon, 1, and Robbin, 6, because he's from Louisiana and has no other family in the area.

"But I'm not worried; we have very strong FRG support. I just want to spend as much time with my Family as I can before I leave," he said.

Loretta Burgess came to see off her boyfriend, Sgt. Dennis King, an avionics equipment repairman along with his daughter Donnisha King and his aunt Ernestine King.

Burgess said they've survived other deployments

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Members of Detachment 2, Company B of the Maryland National Guard's 642nd Aviation Support Battalion, led by 1st Lt. Brian Fischer, salute the colors during the Deployment Ceremony at the Major Gen. Warren D. Hodges Armory in APG South (Edgewood) Oct. 4, before departing for a nine-month tour of duty in Kuwait.



(From left) FOX 45 camera man Jed Gamber zeroes in on Dottie Kreutzer as she completes a patriotic red, white and blue quilt during the Quilts for Heroes meeting at the APG South (Edgewood) chapel Oct. 7.

Quality quilting

Story and photos by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
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A local quilting group that has been donating quilts to Wounded Warriors for nearly a decade recently came to the attention of FOX 45 news reporter Melinda Roeder. Amazed by the group's commitment to service members and their Families, Roeder decided to share the good news with FOX 45 viewers.

On Oct. 7, Roeder and FOX 45 cameraman Jed Gamber came to the APG South (Edgewood) chapel to doc-

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How has the government shutdown affected you?
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My husband is furloughed right now. I am a personal finance teacher (at Freestate Challenge Academy) so I believe in saving money for emergencies. I think we have saved enough money to cover our expenses during this time.



KariLynn Dunmeyer
Freestate Challenge Academy

The Bowling Center is open, but business has been slow. Fewer people are coming here for lunch, team building events have been canceled, and a league postponed their weekly meeting. If the government is shutdown for many weeks, it will definitely affect our business.



Sheena Haynie
APG Bowling Center

Right now my pay is not affected because I am a NAF (non-appropriated fund) employee. I am worried that eventually I will be furloughed, if the shutdown lasts long enough. I am trying to remain hopeful that it will not happen.



Steve Fazenbaker
MWR Outdoor Recreation

I am furloughed right now. I am trying to stay positive, using my time off to help my friends if they need it. It's hard on a lot of people right now. Maybe I should play the lottery, you never know.



Mary Beth Maahs
CPAC

OPINION

It's National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 6-12

By CHRIS STARLING
DES Fire Protection Inspector

Every year, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), honors the anniversary of The Great Chicago Fire by designating the second week of October as National Fire Prevention Week. The goal of National Fire Prevention Week is to emphasize the importance of being educated about how to prevent fires, what to do in case of fire, and the risks involved with unsafe behavior regarding cooking, electrical work, smoking, and other activities that could potentially start a fire.

According to the NFPA, last year, fire departments in the United States fought nearly 500,000 structural fires. The toll paid as a result of last year's fires included 2,470 lives lost, 14,700 civilian injuries, and \$12.5 billion in damages. As horrific as these numbers are, you may be surprised to learn that they reflect a continued trend in a reduction of fatalities and injuries which peaked in the 1970s with nearly 750,000 fires reported resulting in almost 6,000 deaths.

The strong improvement in fire injury statistics over the past forty years, while commendable, should not be an indication that we are doing all we can to progress fire safety. For example, property loss more than doubles the same statistic from 2011. And the loss of 2,470 civilian lives – just 50 less than in 2011, is simply too high.

By remembering some basic instructions, rehearsing fire drills at work and within the home, and practicing safety when conducting activities around flammable/combustible materials, sources of ignition and other high fire risks, we could easily see a marked reduction in the number of persons killed and injured due to fire.

Firefighters from the APG Directorate of Emergency Services combat flames in the walls and ceiling of a burning building during a controlled burn of Bldg. 4031 in 2012. The condemned building provided a prime training opportunity.



AER assistance available during systems upgrade

AER Communications

Army Emergency Relief announced that assistance will remain available for Soldiers and families in need while AER conducts a major systems upgrade scheduled to occur between 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 10, through 8 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15.

AER is conducting a major upgrade of its systems to better serve Soldiers and their families, according to Guy Shields, chief of Communications and Public Affairs for AER.

During the upgrade, local AER sections will not be able to process auto-

mated assistance requests. However, local AER sections will be able to assist Soldiers in the preparation of their requests for assistance through the American Red Cross Call Center at 1-877-272-7337.

AER has a reciprocal agreement with the American Red Cross to process AER requests during non-duty hours.

Soldiers and families not in need of immediate assistance are asked to wait until the system upgrade is completed at 8 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Emergency needs, though, will be

processed through the American Red Cross Call Center, as required, Shields said.

Army Emergency Relief is a private non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to Soldiers, active and retired, and their families. Since its founding in 1942, AER has provided more than \$1.5 billion to more than 3.5 million Soldiers, families and retirees, while helping the Army take care of its own.

For more information, contact the APG Army Community Service at 410-278-7572.

Leave Donations Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For info, contact Cathy Davis at 410-306-0152 or cathy.a.davis4.civ@mail.mil.

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ACS oversees post volunteer program

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Looking for a chance to make a difference in the APG community? According to Army Community Service Director Janice Downey, those who are interested in on and off post volunteer opportunities should first contact ACS.

“ACS is the post’s center for volunteering,” she said.

ACS will help community members find opportunities that interest them through the Volunteer Management Information System, or VMIS, Downey said. VMIS, accessed through Army OneSource, at www.myarmyonesource.com, also tracks volunteer’s hours, awards, certificates and trainings.

“Volunteers are the backbone of Army life,” she said. “Volunteering for the Army is not a new concept; but having the ability to document hours (electronically) is.”

Downey said ACS is currently trying to revitalize APG’s Army Volunteer Corps Program. Her goal is to have a quarterly meeting with operational points of contact, or OPOCs, who work closely with volunteers.

To improve accountability, Downey encourages all APG volunteers to register and log hours through the VMIS so ACS can track the number of hours people volunteer at APG. Next April, ACS will host a ceremony recognizing APG volunteers during National Volunteer Week.

“Volunteers do not do it for the recognition,” she said. “But they should get recognition for everything they do for our community.”

Downey said people volunteer for many reasons. For example, volunteering allows people to try different interests, develop leadership skills, and network.

“Volunteers can use their experience to keep their skills fresh and build their

resume,” she said. “That is one reason why volunteers should log their hours with the VMIS. Documentation helps verify your work and experiences.”

Downey said during her previous assignment as the ACS director at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., an ACS volunteer received a paid events planner position due to experience accumulated while volunteering.

ACS Volunteer Tara Manglona, a military spouse, said she can help members of the community find volunteer opportunities that interest them, on and off post. The mother of five children, Manglona said volunteering gives her the flexibility to be home for her children after school. She volunteers about 30 hours a week.

“Volunteering is something I do for fun,” she said. “I have met so many friends this way. If you are new, you have to put yourself out there to meet others.”

Manglona said she helps assemble welcome packets and is available to assist Families who are new to APG.

“Tara is a good fit, because she understands the needs of military Families,” Downey said.

Downey said many organizations on post rely on volunteers to augment their mission. An APG organization that greatly benefits from volunteers is the post chapel.

“About 90 percent of the work in the chapel is performed by volunteers,” said Installation Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jerry Owens. “Without our volunteers it would be impossible to serve the 3,000 people that visit the chapel on a weekly basis. Those who volunteer improve the quality and breadth of our ministry.”

Owens said there are many ways people can volunteer and give back to their community.

“People can find purpose and meaning through volunteerism, and use their gifts,” Owens said. “Volunteering helps build resiliency. People that are resilient build connections with others.”



Volunteer Stacie Dorris tells a story about “Scout the Eagle” during the APG North (Aberdeen) post chapel’s Ecumenical Vacation Bible School June 26. Volunteering at the chapel is just one of the many ways APG volunteers give back to the community.

Owens said many military retirees are active in the community and devote many hours serving the chapel. He said he encourages older couples to serve as mentors to young military couples.

They provide support and friendship for those who are far away from their extended Families.

“I have seen some real growth in young couples,” Owens said. “You can’t put a price tag on that.”

The Sports and Fitness program at Child, Youth and School Services also relies on volunteers to serve as coaches. Volunteers are currently needed for the winter cheerleading and basketball sessions. All coaches are trained and certified by the National Alliance of Youth

Sports. For more information contact CYSS Sports Director Bill Kegley at 410-306-2297, or visit http://www.apgmwr.com/family/youth_sports.html.

APG also has a partnership with local schools. These schools always need volunteers, in any capacity. For those who wish to volunteer in Harford County Public Schools contact the APG Schools Liaison Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-2857.

“I will contact HCPS to find the best fit for them,” Umbarger said.

For more information about the APG volunteer program, contact Downey at 410-278-2500, or Dee Ford at 410-278-2180.



Want to make a difference in how services are rendered at APG? Tell us how we are doing. Visit <http://ice.disa.mil>. Click on “ARMY” then “Aberdeen Proving Ground.”

Some APG activities resume normal operations

By **ADRIANE FOSS**
APG Public Affairs office

As of Monday, Oct. 7, a number of APG tenant organizations have recalled employees to work after a weeklong furlough resulting from the Oct. 1 government shut-down. Employees, customers and civilians who rely on the installation for services are advised to contact specific organizations to determine if they are among the recalled employees or organizations.

Most garrison employees have returned to work pending further guidance from the Installation Management Command. The situation is extremely fluid. APG customers and employees are encouraged to find the latest information regarding the shutdown on the APG homepage (www.apg.army.mil/breakingnews.cfm) and on APG’s Facebook (www.facebook.com/APGMd) and Twitter sites (www.twitter.com/USAGAPG), or by calling 410-278-7669.

“This partial government shutdown placed additional hardships on our workforce given the recent fiscal constraints caused by administrative furloughs earlier

this year,” said Col. Gregory McClinton, Garrison Commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground. “We are pleased to see some of our workforce return to work and look forward to a complete resolution and the return of our remaining personnel.”

There are between 21,000 and 23,000 employees on Aberdeen Proving Ground including Department of the Army Civilians, contractors and uniformed military personnel. Approximately two-thirds of the installation workforce was indefinitely furloughed last week.

Several APG organizations have mission funding that allowed them to continue to work during the furlough. Specific missions and positions related to life, health and safety were also “excepted.”

As of Oct. 7, organizations have reported the following information regarding their status.

- AAFES, including Post Exchange and Shoppettes: No change in hours.
- Staff Judge Advocate: Will return to normal operations and resumed normal hours on Oct. 8.
- Commissary: Resumed normal hours

on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

- Civilian Personnel Advisory Center: The CPAC has resumed normal operations.
- Dental Clinic: No change in hours.
- Directorate of Emergency Services: Gate hours still adjusted as posted (see below). All other DES services remain the same.
- Directorate of Human Resources: DHR has resumed normal operations.
- Military Personnel Office: No change in hours.
- Directorate of Logistics: Operational with increased service delays. TMP is closed.
- Directorate of Public Works: DPW has resumed normal operations.
- Equal Employment Opportunity Office: EEO has resumed normal operations.
- Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic: The clinic has resumed normal operations.
- Religious Services: No changes in hours.
- Veterinarian Clinic: No change in hours.
- MWR: All programs have resumed

normal operations.

- APG North (Aberdeen) Gate Hours: The following schedule remains in effect - The 715 Gate is open daily, 24 hours a day. The 22 Gate is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and closed on Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays. The Aberdeen Gate is closed. The Aberdeen Visitor Center is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day of the week. The Aberdeen Badge Office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and closed on Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.
- APG South (Edgewood) Gate Hours: The following schedule remains in effect - The Route 24 Gate is open daily, 24 hours a day. The Wise Road Gate is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and closed on Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays. The Magnolia Gate is closed. The Edgewood Visitor Center is open from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and closed on Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays. The Edgewood Badge Office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday and closed on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

APG Aberdeen/Edgewood hours during Government Shutdown

Aberdeen Area Gate Hours and Visitor Center Operations

Gate	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Federal Holiday
RT 715	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs
RT 22	Closed	6 a.m.- 6 p.m.	6 a.m.- 6 p.m.	6 a.m.- 6 p.m.	6 a.m.- 6 p.m.	6 a.m.- 6 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Aberdeen	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Visitor Control Center	6 a.m. - 6 p.m	6 a.m. - 6 p.m.	6 a.m. - 6 p.m.	6 a.m. - 6 p.m.	6 a.m. - 6 p.m.	6 a.m. - 6 p.m.	6 a.m. - 6 p.m.	6 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Badge Office	Closed	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Closed	Closed

Edgewood Area Gate Hours and Visitor Center Operations

Gate	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Federal Holiday
RT 24	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs	24 Hrs
Wise Road	Closed	6 a.m.- 6 p.m.	6 a.m.- 6 p.m.	6 a.m.- 6 p.m.	6 a.m.- 6 p.m.	6 a.m.- 6 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Magnolia	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Visitor Control Center	Closed	6 a.m. - 4 p.m.	6 a.m. - 4 p.m.	6 a.m. - 4 p.m.	6 a.m. - 4 p.m.	6 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Badge Office	Closed	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

The APG community is encouraged to stay informed about the government shutdown and services affected by the shutdown by visiting the APG homepage (www.apg.army.mil) and installation Facebook page (www.facebook.com/APGMd), and by calling the 410-278-SNOW (7669). Up-to-date information will be posted as it becomes available.

The following links include resources available for financial and stress counseling, and may be of use for military personnel and civilian employees impacted by the shutdown.

MILITARY

Military One Source is available at 1-800-342-9647, or their crisis line is 1-800-273-TALK. They are available online at <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/army>.

CIVILIANS:

For stress, counseling:
Employee Assistance Program -- EAP
EAP (FOH4you) is a free, 24-hour confidential counseling and referral service that can help you and your Family successfully deal with life's challenges. They are available via phone at 1-800-222-0364, or online at www.foh4you.com.

Federal Occupational Health's Work/Life program is offered to you and your Family members at no cost and you can use the services as often as you like.

Call or log in today at 1-877-WL4-NOAA (1-877-954-6622), (TTY 800-873-1322), or online www.WorkLife4You.com.

OTHER RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

OPM: Furlough guidance
<http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/furlough-guidance?url=Shutdown-Furlough>
Civilian Personnel Office: Guidance for the 2014 lapse in appropriations
<http://cpol.army.mil/library/general/2013sequestration/FY14Lapse.html>
DOD: Financial planning during civilian furlough
<http://www.whs.mil/HRD/Furlough/FinancialPlanning.cfm>
Army Emergency Relief
<http://www.aerhq.org/dnn563/>
SecArmy McHugh letter to force about government shutdown
<http://usarmy.vo.llnwd.net/e2/c/downloads/314625.pdf>



Sherrie Marine CDC Supervisory Program Specialist

There's no such thing as a typical day at work for Sherrie Marine, a supervisory program specialist for the APG North (Aberdeen) Child Development Center in Bldg. 2485.

While her main role is to supervise and manage CDC caregivers, she interacts with children inside and outside of the classrooms. She often assists children needing extra help, creates lesson plans, conducts staff training, opens and closes the center and even fills in as administrative assistant to the director when needed.

"I do just about everything and anything," Marine said. "All of the children know me by name and I know 95 percent of them."

With a master's degree in educa-

tion, Marine has worked with children her entire career. She serves equal to the assistant director and says variety is what makes each day special.

"The best part is I can affect change and I don't have to give up my passion of working with children," she said. "I do the paperwork and I still get the hugs and the smiles."

Marine added that there always is a need for caregivers and said those interested should check the USA-Jobs website at www.usajobs.gov for openings.

"Anyone who loves kids and loves to work should apply," she said.

The APG North (Aberdeen) CDC is in Bldg. 2485, next to the Main Post Chapel. It hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Army has prepared a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with the APG Real Property Master Plan update. The Draft PEA and FNZI are available to review at <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/directorates/dpw/index.cfm>

Comments can be addressed to: USAGAPG, ATTN: Arnold O'Sullivan; 4304 Susquehanna Avenue; 3d Floor Suite B; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5001

Flu Shots Mandatory for all Soldiers

The Department of Defense Medical Readiness Policy (DoDI 6025.19) states that all service members must receive annual influenza vaccine in order to be medically ready. The current compliance rate for active duty on APG is at 65 percent.

The All Army Activities (ALARACT 183/2013) message for this year states that all Army installations have to be 90 percent compliant by Dec. 16.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and Edgewood Health Clinic are currently providing the influenza vaccination to active duty Soldiers on a walk-in basis, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on scheduled dates for larger units.

Patrons will need to show proper ID to show eligibility. For more information call 410-278-1773, or visit <http://kusahc.nrmc.amedd.army.mil/default.aspx>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MONDAY

**OCTOBER 14
TRAFFIC CHANGE ON
SUSQUEHANNA AVENUE**

Due to pipe maintenance set to start between Bldgs. 4304 and 4310, motorists will be rerouted through the Bldg. 4314 parking lot to Susquehanna Avenue. Maintenance will begin on or about Monday, Oct. 14 and last approximately one week..

THURSDAY

**OCTOBER 17
HALLOWEEN BLOOD DRIVE**

Give the treat of life this Halloween. Follow the blood drop signs to the ASBP Blood Drive at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Armed Services Blood Program can provide blood and blood products to injured service members, a child undergoing cancer treatments or a Family member in need of heart surgery. There always is a need for this priceless gift. Donors can register online at <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/Donors/> or walk-in 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Sgt. Eric Jimenez, U.S. Army Public Health Command, at eric.jimenez3@us.army.mil or call 410-417-0149.

SATURDAY

**OCTOBER 19
MILITARY RETIREE
APPRECIATION DAY**

The APG Retiree Council will host the annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day 8 a.m. to noon, at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326. The event includes exhibitors who provide goods and services to the retiree population and panel discussion with Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, TRICARE, Commissary, Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Family and Morale, Welfare & Recreation, Veterans Affairs Staff Judge Advocate, Corvias Housing and Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. The guest speaker is Maryland State Senator Nancy Jacobs. KUSAHC staff will provide Blood Pressure checks and Seasonal Flu Shots and all attendees are invited to dine on-site at the First Sergeant’s Grill at a cost of \$2 per person starting at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Betty Willard, Retirement Service Officer/ Retiree Council, 410-306-2322, email betty.a.willard.ctr@mail.mil.

SUNDAY

**OCTOBER 20
ARMY TEN MILER SUPPORTS
TEAM APG**

Are you participating in the Army Ten Miler in Washington, D.C? If so APG MWR wants to support your efforts. Provide your registration information to receive:

- TEAM APG T-shirt
- Information about race packet pick up support
- TEAM APG Hooah Tent information
- Other support as determined

Send registration information to marni.allison@us.army.mil. For more information, contact Byron Reasin at 410-436-3375 or e-mail byron.a.reasin.naf@mail.mil.

WEDNESDAY

**OCTOBER 23
FALL TECHNOLOGY EXPO**

ECBC/CIO and Federal Direct Access Expositions (FDAE) will present the 2013 APG Fall Information Technology Expo 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326 Erie Street.

Vendors will display the latest in state-of-the-art technologies covering everything from cyber security to office supplies. Attendance is free and open to active duty, government civilians and contractor personnel with access to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Refreshments will be served. Register online at <http://www.fdaexpo.com/register.php?id=130>

For more information, contact Mary McCully, ECBC/CIO Acquisition Team, at 410-436-2625, e-mail mary.p.mccully.civ@mail.mil; or call FDAE toll free at 877-332-3976.

**RED RIBBON CONTEST
UNDERWAY**

The National Family Partnership (NFP) announces the national contest for its 28th annual Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 23-31. Students can enter to win \$1,000 for their K-12 school and an iPad for the home.

To enter:
Students bring the Red Ribbon

Week® message home by working alongside parents to decorate their front door, mailbox or fence with a red ribbon and this year’s theme “A Healthy Me Is Drug Free.”

Take a photo with the family and your Red Ribbon Week® decoration, and then upload to <http://redribbon.org/contest> by Nov. 4. Must be 18 or older to upload to the site.

The voting begins Nov. 5-19. Ask your family and friends to vote for your entry at <http://redribbon.org/vote/>.

Ten lucky winners from regions across the U.S. will win.

Winners will be announced Dec. 6 on <http://redribbon.org/> and recognized at winning schools throughout December.

This campaign is for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse by youth.

The DEA is co-sponsoring this year’s national contest - the nation’s oldest and largest drug prevention campaign, reaching more than 80 million people nationwide.

THURSDAY

**OCTOBER 24
RESTORATION ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING**

The next RAB meeting will be held 7 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center 1700 Van Bibber road in Edgewood a I-95 exit 77. The topic of discussion will be an update on The Remedial Action Operations Sites.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY

**OCTOBER 25-27
OKTOBERFEST**

APG’s 2nd Annual Oktoberfest has been rescheduled for Friday through Sunday, Oct. 25 through 27. The event is still planned to be held at Shine Field. For updates, visit the Oktoberfest page on the Family and MWR website at <http://apg.mwr.com/SpecialPages/2013Oktoberfest.htm>

FRIDAY

**OCTOBER 25
3RD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN
SCHOLARSHIP GOLF
SCRAMBLE**

The Lt. Gen. Alfred J. Mallette Chapter and AFCEA Aberdeen Chapter present the 3rd Annual Halloween Scholarship Golf Scramble at Ruggles Golf Course. (Costumes Encouraged!) Three Club Limit, putters will be provided.

Shotgun Start at 9 a.m. Followed by Pig Roast Dinner at Ruggles and Final Fridays

Cost: Active Duty Officers- \$35, Enlisted Soldiers - \$15, All others - \$100; includes golf cart, green fees, BBQ

Sponsorships available. For more information or application, contact Kit Roache, P.O. 7376, Shrewsbury, N.J. 07702; call 732-778-4005 or e-mail kitroache@verizon.net

THURSDAY

**NOVEMBER 7
BELL, BOOK & CANDLE**

The APG Theater Group will present “Bell, Book & Candle” a romantic comedy play featuring musical performers from the MWR Talent Show. Come see what happens when a lively and free-spirited witch conjures up an extra helping of romance in her life. The show is recommended for ages 12 and older.

Admission is \$10 general admission; \$5 active duty.

Doors open 5:30 p.m.

Free admission with receipt of meal purchase of \$7.50 from on-site provider.

For more information, contact the Leisure Travel Office, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, or e-mail usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil

TUESDAY

**OCTOBER 15 –
NOVEMBER 30
ARMY DIGITAL
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

The 2013 Army Digital Photography Contest will accept submissions between Oct. 15 and Nov. 30. Those eligible to participate in the Army-wide contest include active duty personnel and their Family members, DA civilians, and retirees. The categories are Animals, Design Elements, Digital Darkroom, Military Life, Nature/Landscapes, People, and Still Life. Participants should complete the entry form and submit their photos online at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/apptracmain>. For more information or to register contact the APG Leisure

Travel Office in Bldg. 3326 at 410-278-4011/4907.

WEDNESDAY

**NOVEMBER 13
APG RESOURCE SHOWCASE
DAY**

APG has something for everyone. Join us 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center to view programs at APG and in the local community that are available to service members, veterans, and Family members. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

ONGOING

**THROUGH OCTOBER 18
COMMUTER SURVEY**

APG employees are encouraged to take a short commuter/telework survey at www.apgcommutesurvey.com. If you are employed at APG, as part of the military, civilian, and contractor workforce, your feedback is appreciated. The survey is voluntary and anonymous; however, participants who submit their name and e-mail will be eligible to win a variety of prizes, including bowling and golf certificates from FMWR and even a 7-inch PC tablet

The survey will run through Oct. 11 and results will be shared in a future news article. For more information, contact Syreeta Gross, Transportation Services Coordinator at 410-278-5491, apgrides@harfordcountymd.gov.

**THROUGH OCTOBER 31
VTF HALLOWEEN COSTUME
EXTRAVAGANZA**

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility invites pet owners to show off their pet’s Halloween costume. This is a chance for owners to show their pride in their pet and their creativity. Owners can bring their pet to the VTF in costume and a staff member will take a photo, or owners can provide a picture of their pet to the facility. The pictures will be posted on the facility’s community bulletin board throughout the month of October for all to see. At the end of the month, Oct. 31, the photos will be judged by disinterested parties. The top three participants with the most votes will have their photos published in the following week’s issue of the APG News. This contest is open to everyone. The clinic is located on APG North across the street from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic at Bldg. 2479 on Oakington Street. For more information call 410-278-4604.

UFOOD GRILLS CLOSED

Until further notice, the APG Ufood Grill restaurants, located in the Exchange lobby and inside bldg. 6010, are closed. No further information is available at this time.

**THRIFT SHOP DISBURSING
FUNDS**

The APG Thrift Shop is disbursing funds to eligible charities through October.

To apply contact Thrift Shop Manager Fran Diantonio at 410-272-8572 or visit the shop, in Bldg. 2458 behind the Main Post Chapel, during business hours: Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

YOUTH CENTER OPENINGS

The Aberdeen and Edgewood programs currently have immediate openings for the 2013-2014 school year at their School Age & Youth Services facilities. Openings are available in both locations for eligible users. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7479.

**CYSS PARTNERS WITH
HOMESCHOOLERS**

APG Child, Youth and School Services is trying to establish a partnership with authorized users who homeschool their children in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. CYSS is willing to open their facilities during the week so homeschooled children can have access to classrooms, the computer lab and gym on a scheduled basis. For more information, call 410- 278-7571/7479.

**FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN
RECREATION FOR TEENS**

The APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg 2522, invites all high school students out to its free Friday Night Open Recreation for Teens, every Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight. Teens are invited out to meet new friends, shoot some hoops or just play some pool. Bring up to two non-DoD friends to join in the fun. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

FIREWOOD SALE

Firewood is now available at a cost of \$20 per level standard 8’ pick-up truck, \$15 per level standard 6’ pick-up truck, and \$5 per car trunk load. Permits to buy wood are good for ten days, or until an order is filled, whichever comes first. Permits will

be issued on a first-come-first served basis in APG South (Edgewood), Bldg. E4630 Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Kathy Thisse, 410-436-8789 or Scott English, 410-436-9804 for more information.

KEYSTONE CLUB

This free class for high school students meets every other Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg 2522. This unique leadership development experience provides opportunities for young people ages 14 - 18. Youth participate in activities, both in and out of the club, in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Club aims to have a positive impact on members, the club and community. Participants may bring up to two non-DoD friends. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

**DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
RESEARCH STUDY**

Geisel College of Medicine at Dartmouth is sponsoring a research study for post-deployment veterans. If you are a recent veteran experiencing difficulty adjusting to life post-deployment and need help accessing or deciding whether to seek mental health treatment, please call Meissa at Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth at 603-448-0263 ext. 135. You will be asked questions as a way to screen potential subjects for a DOD-funded research study. Everything is done by phone and is completely confidential. Eligible Veterans will receive compensation for their time.

INSIDE APG

APG commanders and subject matter experts will discuss topics of interest to the local community every Saturday and Wednesday at 7:50 a.m. during “Inside APG: Creating One Community Without a Gate,” a monthly radio series on 970 WAMD. For more information about the series, to schedule or request an interview, call the Garrison Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1150.

For previous interviews, follow these links:<http://youtu.be/a8vuMdx-mG50>; <http://youtu.be/se7hTkwnbO8>

PIANO & GUITAR LESSONS

Each class is a one-on-one, 30-minute session for seven or eight weeks, once a week. Parents choose a time between 3 and 9 p.m. when they register their children. Open to all DOD ID cardholders. To register, visit Central Registration or call 410-278-7479/7571. For information, email lauren.e.kateley.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-4589.

**REPORT POWER OUTAGES
TO CORVIAS MILITARY
LIVING**

During severe weather, all residential power outages should be reported to the Neighborhood Office at 410-305-1076. This will allow staff to determine if the outage is widespread or specific to the home and coordinate the responsible provider to restore power.

In the event a neighborhood office loses power, the phone system may also be affected. If the office cannot be reached, residents should call the following toll-free numbers to report outages and maintenance emergencies. Calls to the toll-free number will directly connect residents to the emergency on-call service.

APG: 1-866-958-5412
Patriot Village: 1-866-871-6257
NH Office: 410-305-1076

READY & RESILIENT SURVEY

How can the Army become more Ready and Resilient? If you are an AKO user, log on now to take this survey to provide valuable feedback to the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs on how the Army communicates about Readiness and Resiliency. Visit <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/667030>

**APG THRIFT SHOP NEEDS
VOLUNTEERS**

With just two hours a week to spare, you can serve your community as a volunteer at the APG Thrift Store. Located in Bldg. 2458 behind the Main Post Chapel, the Thrift Shop offers quality, gently-used items featuring clothing for babies to adults including military uniforms, appliances, electronics, furniture, luggage, kitchenware, toys, knick knacks, books, jewelry and collectibles. And its dollars go right back into the community. So come spend an hour or a day, making new friends while helping your community.

For more information, or to volunteer, call the Thrift Shop during business hours at 410-272-8572.



**MORE
ONLINE**

More events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil/calendar.

PEO IEW&S realignment brings new PMs, organizational parameters

By **BRANDON POLLACHEK**
PEO IEW&S PAO

The term “the more things change the more they stay the same” could be applied to the Relinquishment and Assumption of Charter ceremonies the Program Executive Office for Intelligence Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S) hosted on Oct 1, in the Myer Auditorium.

In a unique ceremony, Christian Keller, the acting Project Manager for Airborne Reconnaissance & Exploitation Systems; Col. Christopher Davis, Project Manager Navigation Capabilities/Special Programs, and Col. Edward Stawowczyk, Project Manager Night Vision/ Reconnaissance Surveillance & Target Acquisition, relinquished the charters of their respective organizations as part of an overall PEO IEW&S realignment.

Immediately after relinquishing the charters, Davis and Stawowczyk were presented charters to PEO IEW&S’ newly formed Project Manager Offices by Stephen Kreider, Program Executive Officer for PEO IEW&S. Davis will serve as PM for Sensors-Aerial Intelligence (PM SAI) headquartered at APG and Stawowczyk will lead Project Manager Terrestrial Sensors (PM TS), headquartered at Ft Belvoir, Va.

After the moves PEO IEW&S will be left with five project manager offices (along with PM Electronic Warfare, PM Aircraft Survivability Equipment and PM Distributed Common Ground System-Army) to fall in line with an efficiency plan set forth two years ago that reduced the organization from seven PMs to five in order to best align with the PEO’s Core Competencies, promote System-of-System Integration, maintain customer focus on platform and Computing Operating Environment (COE) needs as well as capture organizational and funding efficiencies.

PM SAI is made up of product managers for Manned Aerial Reconnaissance and Surveillance Systems, Sensors-Airborne SIGINT (Signals Intelligence),

Tactical Exploitation National Capabilities, Sensors for Unmanned Rotary Wing Systems as well as Sensors-Airborne MASINT (Measurement and Signature Intelligence) and Radars. The organization will work closely with counterpart PMs from PEO Aviation by focusing on the sensors that reside on board Army Aerial ISR platforms and their complement of ground processing platforms.

PM TS is chartered to oversee seven product managers to include: Ground Sensors, Integrated Tactical Systems, Meteorological and Target Identification Systems, Position Navigation Timing, Airborne Systems, Global Positioning-Army and Combat Terrain Information Systems.

Kreider explained the purpose behind the realignment.

“PEO IEW&S is looking to achieve a closer linkage with the science and technology (S&T) community,” Kreider said. “We were in, and rightly so, a reactive responsibility process in getting capabilities to Soldiers as fast as we possibly could during the last 12 years. As a result of that necessity we became a little out of line with the science and technology community. In response we looked at what was the most efficient and effective alignment of PMs with the S&T community and that is how the current organization structure was developed.”

Under the PEOs new organizational parameters, PMs are aligned to optimize sensor mission equipment packages (MEP) and the processing, exploitation, and dissemination (PED) architecture.

“This realignment will best leverage our workforce’s expertise which allows us to focus on our mission,” said Kreider.

Another expected advantage of the realignment is that it affords PEO IEW&S the ability to dedicate efforts toward a system of systems perspective, so that sensor capabilities can be taken from other systems allowing them to be easily leveraged by other platforms. Ultimately the alignment will more tightly tie the requirements from



Col. Christopher Davis (right) assumed the duties of Program Manager for Sensors -Aerial Intelligence (PM SAI) headquartered at APG and Col. Edward Stawowczyk (above) became Project Manager Terrestrial Sensors (PM TS), headquartered at Ft Belvoir, Va., during Relinquishment and Assumption of Charter ceremonies hosted by the Program Executive Office for Intelligence Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S) at the Myer Auditorium Oct. 1.

Training and Doctrine Command and the PMs.

Although the PEO’s organizational structure has changed it continues to meet the mission of providing affordable, world class Sensor & Electronic Warfare capabilities that enable rapid situational understanding and decisive action.

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Tinnitus: what the “buzz” is all about

By **MAJ. MELISSA LECCESE**
U.S. Army Public Health Command

TINNITUS IS.

Even if you are unfamiliar with the term tinnitus, many of you may have experienced this distracting ringing, buzzing, clicking, roaring or rushing sound in the ears at one time or another.

WHAT TINNITUS ISN'T.

Tinnitus is not a disease; however, it is likely related to an underlying condition. The most common condition that tinnitus relates to is noise exposure, both work-related and recreational. Other conditions that tinnitus may relate to include aging, ear or sinus infections, head or neck injury, heart or vascular disease, some medications, stress or fatigue.

PREVALENCE.

An estimated 50 million Americans experience constant tinnitus. Over 16 million that suffer from tinnitus have sought medical attention to find relief. Among veterans, tinnitus is the most common service-connected disability.

IMPACTS.

Tinnitus can interfere with ability to concentrate for short or long periods of time. It is most noticeable in quiet settings, not because the sound grows louder in this setting, but because the sound is more easily heard in a place where there is little sound competition. In severe cases, depression and insomnia plague the individual affected. Tinnitus can be a source of severe mental stress for some.

CAUSES.

Despite ongoing research efforts, the exact cause of tinnitus is unclear. Tinnitus that is related to noise exposure is believed to be the result of damage or stress to cells in the inner ear. These cells are known as “hair cells” because of the hair-like projections that are attached to

them. Hair cells play an important role in the hearing process and damage results in damaged hearing.

PREVENTION.

Because noise-induced hearing loss is often related to tinnitus, any measures taken to limit hazardous levels of noise will help prevent tinnitus. In pre-existing cases, these protective measures will prevent tinnitus from worsening. Turning down the volume or moving away from the noise is a wise noise-limiting practice. Use hearing protection in situations where noise levels cannot be limited.

CURE.

Sadly, there is no cure for tinnitus, but there are many treatments and treatment programs available that help some individuals cope with and manage this condition:

- Counseling programs exist for individuals as well as for groups that assist in changing reactions toward the tinnitus. A primary goal is to facilitate relaxation by decreasing awareness of the tinnitus.
- Individuals that have hearing loss in conjunction with the tinnitus may find treatment for both by using hearing aids. Hearing aids amplify speech and environmental sounds, which often makes the tinnitus less noticeable.
- Sound generators facilitate relaxation and sleep. These devices produce gentle, repetitive, soothing sounds such as waterfalls or soft music. Some sound generators can even be worn in the ear and are used as part of tinnitus retraining therapy.

Now that you know what the “buzz” is all about, you can make wise choices to prevent this troubling condition from happening to you. For those who are already experiencing tinnitus, there is help available in several different forms.



2nd Annual Oktoberfest postponed to Oct. 25-27

Aberdeen Proving Ground will host its 2nd Annual Oktoberfest: “Hooah with Oompah” Oct. 25-27 at the installation’s Shine Sports Field. Because of the federal government shutdown, the event was postponed from Oct.11-13. APG Oktoberfest is open to the public and is free of charge. There is a cost for souvenirs, food and beverages. The purpose of the event is to foster

relationships and strengthen existing bonds with the surrounding communities. The three-day event will salute the communities around the installation including the town of Bel Air and the city of Havre de Grace, 4 to 11 p.m., Friday, Oct. 25.; the city of Aberdeen and Edgewood all day Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Cecil County, Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Each day will

feature local government leaders and APG senior leadership, paying tribute to local communities for unwavering support of the post for almost a century. APG Oktoberfest offers fun for the entire family and will feature German food and beverages, a 5K Volksmarch, a form of non-competitive fitness walking, Festhalle or “festival hall”

with genuine German music and dancers, inflatable fun for the kids, pony rides, puppet show, car show, community marketplace, Teen Zone, and fireworks starting 9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 26. Check the APG News for more information or visit the APG Oktoberfest website at www.apgmwr.com/2013oktoberfest.html .

APG fabricators construct miniature PCAPP

PEO ACWA

“Honey, I shrunk the plant!” No, it’s not a new movie. The Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives, known as ACWA, which is responsible for safely destroying the two remaining chemical weapons stockpiles in the United States, is working to complete that mission at the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado and the Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky. The shrinking began when Tom Thompson, a supervisory operations specialist located at ACWA’s Aberdeen Proving Ground headquarters, was tasked to produce a full-scale model of the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant, or PCAPP, as well as two of the plant’s key areas – the Munitions Washout System in the Agent Processing Building and an Explosion Containment Room in the Enhanced Reconfiguration Building. The models are needed as tools to teach plant personnel and community members more about how the plant will operate. The Pueblo plant recently completed construction work and is currently undergoing systemization, a process to ensure the plant’s numerous systems work correctly, procedures are in place, and personnel are appropriately trained. In Kentucky, the plant is still under

construction. “The PCAPP models will serve as a visual aid when these areas aren’t accessible to visitors,” said Thompson. “When the plant becomes operational and actual chemical-agent filled munitions are being processed, touring the facility won’t be possible, and so it’s important that we will be able to safely show stakeholders how the plant operates.” Thompson researched options and located a team of fabrication specialists Billy Kilby, Mike Wilson, Bob Gamble and Blake Voshell at the APG Garrison’s Multimedia Visual Information Services Center. After collecting blueprints, photographs and other pertinent details of the facility and equipment, the group of fabricators developed a plan to construct the models. After beginning the development of one of the components by hand, however, it became evident that the project would take longer than originally predicted. The solution was to utilize the advanced technology of a 3-D printer, and the time it took to produce a structure for the model was greatly reduced. While the major production of the materials used to build the models were created through the use of the 3-D printer, finishing work like cutting, shaping, polishing and painting was all done by hand. The project took more than 1,200 hours to complete by the four-man team.



(From right) Lead Designer Blake Voshell, right, explains the process of developing a miniature model of the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Munitions Washout System to Program Executive Officer, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives, Conrad Whyne.

Program Executive Officer Conrad Whyne visited the team just before the models were carefully packaged in preparation for shipment to Pueblo, Colo. and recognized each member with an ACWA commander’s coin. “These models are truly impressive in their detail,” said Whyne, “and this team has done an outstanding job. This will help us show our visitors what’s happening in the plant, but they can also be used to help our current staff in planning and operational reviews, as well as orient people who will be hired to test, operate

and maintain the plant.” The Pueblo plant is scheduled to begin chemical weapons destruction operations in 2015 and finish in 2019. Once the models are received in Pueblo, they will be placed in the plant’s Personnel Support Building, allowing the staff there to view the entire plant’s layout at a glance. Visit the PEO ACWA website at www.peoacwa.army.mil for a virtual tour of the PCAPP facility and to view a video of the 3-D printer in action. Stay tuned for the Blue Grass plant in miniature coming soon.

20th CBRNE Command exercise opens talks

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international conversation.

“This is a tremendous outreach opportunity,” he said. “[This event] opens the professional dialogue between our partners and allies. We can learn valuable information from each other.”

Burton added that CBRNE capabilities are vital to the nation’s defense. “When you correlate who we are and what we do with regards to our nation’s present challenges and emerging threats, we provide the Army and the nation with the capability, flexibility and responsiveness needed to achieve operational success in a variety of environments.”

The command also participates in outreach activities for the public, like Armed Forces Day, according to Master Sgt. John Stricklett of the 20th CBRNE Command. “We want to showcase our technology, it is always changing,” Stricklett said. “These activities help us to build trust with the public. We are always training, using new

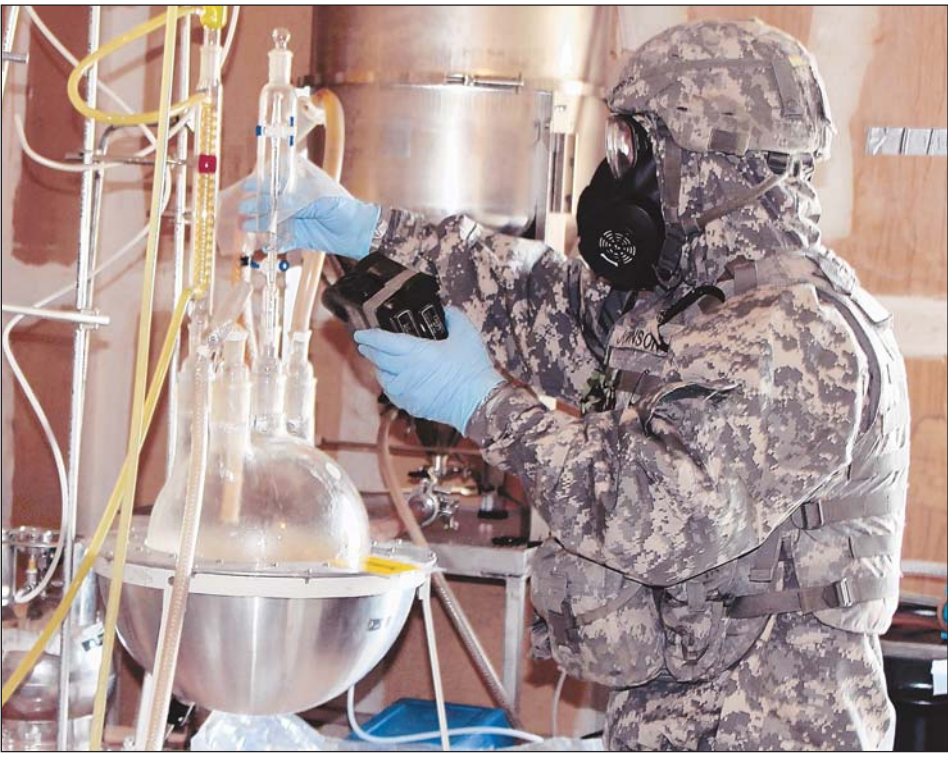
equipment in defense of the country.”

About the 20th CBRNE Command

The 20th CBRNE is the Army’s premier command charged with combating chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive threats facing the nation. The 20th CBRNE Command is comprised of more than 4,900 Soldiers and 225 DoD civilians distributed across 16 states, on 19 installations. The command and control of these highly-trained and specialized forces is headquartered on APG South. The 20th CBRNE Command gives the Army and the nation a scalable CBRNE response capability with the flexibility to operate in a variety of environments.

Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Johnson, from the 20th CBRNE Command, participates in an Explosive Ordnance Disposable (EOD) testing demonstration in a replicated chemical manufacturing lab during a Capabilities Exercise on APG South (Edgewood) Oct. 3.

Photo by Rachel Ponder



Family, friends attend deployment ceremony

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and know what to expect.

“We’ll stay in touch through the Internet and cable and the FRG will keep us busy making care packages and holding Family gatherings. It will go by fast.”

“Sandy Elmore, the mother of Spc. Jeremy Elmore, said she got “a little teary-eyed,” because her oldest son is leaving on his first deployment.

She was accompanied by her husband, Jeff, their other two children and Jeremy’s fiancé, Jenn Albers.

“When he comes back they’re getting married,” Sandy Elmore said. “I’ll just be glad to have him home.”

Supporting elements at the ceremony included members of the Maryland Patriot Guard led by State Captain William C. Staats. With the motto, “Respect, Honor, Support,” the group attends ceremonies honoring service members around the state.

Desiree Bowman and Alyson Collins of the U.S. Army Public Health Command provided a Soldier’s Angels display; an assortment of free knick-knacks and patriotic mementos from the organization supporting service mem-



(From left) Jenn Albers writes a note on a heart at the Soldiers’ Angels display for her deploying fiancé, Spc. Jeremy Elmore of the 642nd Aviation Support Battalion in the Maryland National Guard Armory lobby as APG civilians Alyson Collins and Desiree Bowman look on after the unit’s deployment ceremony.

bers, veterans and their families.

Bowman said they usually use their annual leave time to attend events but didn’t have to because they were both

we’re about.”

History of Det. 2, Co. B, 62nd ASB

Detachment 2, Company B, 642nd ASB was activated as a Maryland Army National Guard organization in April 2006. The detachment’s history includes six major campaigns in France during World War I followed by successful campaigns in France and Germany during World War II as part of the 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division. The division was inactivated in 1946.

Following the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York on Sept. 11, 2001, Rainbow battalions from New York armories provided immediate emergency response and thousands of the division’s Soldiers participated in recovery operations as Joint Task Force 42. The security augmentation operations lasted more than a year.

In 2004, the 42nd ID became the first National Guard divisional command in Iraq when it was mobilized for 18 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 642nd DASB provided key maintenance support for the division and the 42nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Military retirees to meet with local agencies

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Though the dining facility lunch option is no longer available, the reduced-rate lunch at the neighboring First Sergeant’s Grill inside the recreation center is tough to beat, Laughton said.

“This is a good opportunity to meet, share stories and network with others with the same interests,” he added.

RAD

Retiree Appreciation Day includes

exhibitors who provide goods and services to the retiree population as well as a panel discussion with post representatives. Attending representatives will include Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, TRICARE, Commissary, Post Exchange, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Veterans Affairs; Staff Judge Advocate; Corvias Housing; Charlotte Hall Veterans Home; Maryland VA Health Care System; Directorate of Emergency Services;

For more information, contact

Thomas Shumate at 410-306-2303 or thomas.s.shumate2.civ@mail.mil or Betty Willard, retirement service officer, at 410-306-2322 or betty.a.willard.ctr@mail.mil.

The APG Retiree Council is organized under the authority of Army Regulation 600-8-7, and operates under the auspices of the Garrison Commander at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. It is a sub-council of the Fort Meade (Maryland) Retiree Council.

Members of the APG Retiree Coun-

cil include retirees Laughton, Council Chair; Sgt. 1st Class Louise A. Leonguerrero, Co-chair; 1st Sgt. Tom Shumate; Master Sgt. Lonzia Hawkins Jr.; Sgt. 1st Class David Pickett; Sgt. 1st Class Richard Zalusky; Staff Sgt. Genero Flores Jr.; Staff Sgt. Lionel Palmer; Betty Willard, APG retirement services officer; and Janet Dettwiler, APG Director of Human Resources/Adjutant General. For more information, access the APG Retiree Council website at <http://apgretiree.com/>.

APG SNAPSHOT

A peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>.



PUMPKIN PATCH

Corvias Military Living hosted the fourth annual Pumpkin Patch event for all post residents in front of the housing office Oct. 5. This Family event featured balloon animals, refreshments, crafts, an inflatable obstacle course and free pumpkins. (Top photo, from left) Military Family members Toni Ann Ames and Julia Ames, 9, stuff a scarecrow they plan to display outside their home. (Bottom right) Joshua Sanders, 5, makes a new friend.

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Local TV station takes interest in APG quilters

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ument the group members at work and chat with recipients of their handiwork. Carol Hansen, a retired government civilian, formerly with the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, started Quilts for Heroes in 2004. Hansen said the group first met in her home but quickly outgrew her living room. Through the kindness of APG chaplains, she said, the quilters were allowed to meet in the chapel. “We’ve been meeting here ever since,” she said. “We’re grateful to have the support of APG chaplains. They’ve been so good to us.” Roeder said she found Hansen while researching quilters on the internet. There were similar groups in nearly every state. “It wasn’t until then that I realized quilters existed in our area,” she said. She said that after contacting Hansen the more they talked the more impressed she became with the devotion expressed through the love of their art. “They are so amazing,” Roeder said as she admired the completed quilts on display. She said that to her, more important than the quilts themselves, was the energy that went into creating them. “So many of us have friends or family members who are sick or hurting and we wish we could do more for them. To help in this way, to give this kind of care to a stranger is so amazing.” Quilts for Heroes members chatted casually with Roeder as they worked on their projects; they seemed hardly bothered by Gamber and his camera. Paulette Jones, a recent ECBC retiree, shared the fact that she was born on APG, and that her parents and her

husband once worked on post as well. Retired for only two months and a member for only six, she said the quilters taught her everything she knows. “They are so helpful and patient,” she said. “We’ve always worked for the Army but with this, I feel like I’m really giving something back to the Soldiers.” At age 79, Dottie Kreutzer is the group’s oldest quilter. The proud daughter of a World War I veteran, she said she and her husband moved to Harford County from Baltimore County in 1963. Kreutzer said she is proud to sew, “for those who would give their lives for us.” “I do it in the hope that it will comfort them to know that people are thinking of them and appreciate them,” she said. “Some of us just need to do something,” added Merrie Street, a Fallston mom who’s “whole family once worked on post.” Street said her son was one of six graduates of Fallston High School to join the Marine Corps in 2006. When the news came that one of the six had fallen she said that though she was glad her son was spared she was distraught over the loss of his classmate. “My sister thought I needed something to do with myself and Carol [Hansen] gave me the answer,” she said. A non-quilter but devotee of Quilts for Heroes is retired Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, former commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command. Dellarocco learned about the quilters when they presented a quilt to Kelly Keck, a Wounded Warrior and current ATEC government civilian. Dellarocco said he came out to show his support. “I like what they do,” he said, adding that he hopes to link the group with the



Photo by Yvonne Johnson
(From left) Completed quilts rest on chairs along a wall in the APG South (Edgewood) chapel as Sgt. 1st Class Elijah Mack is interviewed by FOX 45 reporter Melinda Roeder while being filmed by cameraman Jed Gamber for an upcoming broadcast about APG’s Quilts for Heroes quilting group.

Fisher House where they can tend to Soldier’s families. “They produce true works of art,” he said. “It’s my honor to assist selfless patriots like the Quilts for Heroes group.” Installation Chaplains Assistant, Sgt. 1st Class Elijah Mack brought five quilts he received while in working in combat hospitals in Iraq and Afghanistan and while recovering in the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center. “I just wanted them to know how important these quilts were to the troops,” he said. “We always made sure troops heading out had quilts or blankets. They would actually fight over them because they’re a piece of America, made with love and care.” He said when he came across the quilters after being stationed here at APG he sought them out to tell them his stories. “I was very blessed to have one from each deployment,” he said. “I started telling them my stories because I wanted to give them a good view. They didn’t get to see what happened to the hundreds of quilts they’ve given away. This completes the stories they don’t get to hear.” The Quilts for Heroes story is set to run on FOX 45 within the next two weeks. Check the APG News, and the APG website and Facebook site for more information.